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SUBJ: VISIT OF INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SIERRA LEONE:

MISS C.B. MUTHAMA

1. IN A RECENT VISIT TO SIERRA LEONE JANUARY 24-25, INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, MISS C.B. MUTHAMA DECLARED THAT INDIAN CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE WOULD BE EXPORTED READILY TO FRIENDLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHOUT RESERVATION. MISS MUTHAMA CLAIMED THAT CERTAIN GOODS NOW PURCHASED FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES COULD BE OBTAINED FROM FRIENDLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA AT HALF THE COST, AND THAT THE PRESENT HIGH COST OF THESE IMPORTS IS SUBSIDIZING THE HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SHE FURTHER DECLARED THAT INDIA HAS VAST EXPERIENCE IN MINING, AGRICULTURE AND ENGINEERING, AND CLAIMED THAT INDIA IS THE LARGEST BAUXITE PRODUCING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. AS AN EXAMPLE OF INDIAN ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER POINTED TO A MULTI-MILLION UNCLASSIFIED

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DOLLAR STEEL INDUSTRY IN LIBYA THAT INDIA IS SETTING UP.

2. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO IS RESIDENT IN ACCRA, MET WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. NO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF JOINT PROJECTS OR INVESTMENTS RESULTED FROM THE MEETING, ALTHOUGH HER COMMENTS IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN THE PRESS AND ON RADIO. SAMUELS

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